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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF L-ARABINOSE BY ACIDIC HYDROLYSIS

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	YES	NO
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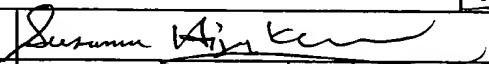
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Filed concurrently herewith.

Serial Number to be assigned.

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Sir:

The undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in and to the above-identified application for U.S. Letters Patent, by an assignment document being recorded contemporaneously herewith, hereby appoints the firm of Rhodes & Mason, P.L.L.C., comprising C. Robert Rhodes, Reg. No. 24,200, Edward W. Rilee, Reg. No. 31,869, Howard A. MacCord, Jr., Reg. No. 28,639, Jack B. Hicks, Reg. No. 34,180, James L. Lester, Reg. No. 38,721, William J. Mason, Reg. No. 22,948, Gilbert J. Andia, Jr., Reg. No. 38,815, Jeffrey R. McFadden, Reg. No. P-46,916, Benjamin S. Withrow, Reg. No. 40,876, Amy H. Fix, Reg. No. 42,616, Stanislav Antolin, Reg. No. 34,979, and Lewis S. Rowell, Reg. No. 45,469, as my attorneys and/or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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